

Five Generations of CE Assignment Officers



Attending the retirement ceremony for Col James T. (Tom) Ryburn in March were five of the most recent civil engineer field grade assignment officers, including Colonel Ryburn. Having this many former Air Force Personnel Center CE assignment officers together was truly a rare event and one that will probably not be duplicated again.

Pictured from left to right are: Maj Tim Fuller (current AFPC CE assignment officer), Maj Doug Hammer (AFPC April 00–Aug. 02, currently at HQ ACC/CEO), Lt Col Tom Brown (AFPC June 98–June 00, currently at HQ ACC/CEV-2), Col Ken Shelton (AFPC May 91–June 94, currently at HQ ACC/CEO) and Col Tom Ryburn (AFPC July 98–July 91, recently retired ACC/CE-2). (Lt Col Scott Horan, HQ ACC/CEO)

Air Force Teams Compete in World Championship

Firefighting may not be a sport, but it certainly requires athleticism. Add the element of competition and it becomes, “the fastest two minutes in sports,” also known as the Firefighter Challenge World Championship.

Nine Air Force teams joined more than 800 civilian and military firefighters from around the world in the championship, Oct. 29 to Nov. 2, in Deerfield Beach, FL. Competitors, dressed in full fire fighting gear, rushed through a series of physically demanding firefighting activities for a timed score.

The Travis Air Force Base, CA, team was the top-placing U.S. team.

Travis took third in the relay event behind two teams from Canada and placed second in the team event, losing out to the Canadian team by

one second. SSgt Michael Melton, a Travis team member, finished third in the individual category.

Other Air Force teams included Altus and Vance AFBs, OK; Edwards AFB, CA; Little Rock AFB, AR; Ramstein (two teams) and Spangdahlem Air Bases, Germany; RAF Mildenhall (two teams), UK; and the DoD Fire Academy, Goodfellow AFB, TX. (MSgt Michael A. Ward, HQ AFCEA Public Affairs)



(Left) Almost there: Members of the Team Mildenhall fire department head toward the finish line in the relay event of the World Challenge XI competition. (Photos by Karen Abeyasekera)

(Above) Making it look easy: A1C Brett Davis, 100th CES fire department, pulls the 45-pound donut hose up five stories to the top of the tower before sprinting down to complete the rest of the course.

Mission Support Directorate at HQ AFSPC

Air Force Space Command at Peterson Air Force Base, CO, has undergone an internal reorganization to create a headquarters-level Mission Support Directorate. Col Connie Carmody, formerly The Civil Engineer at HQ AFSPC, has been appointed as the first director of the new organization. Col Gordon Janiec, formerly the Deputy Civil Engineer, is now The Civil Engineer for AFSPC.